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Elections / Restrictions

The elections / restrictions requested by the Examiner are provided below.

1. Election of a Carrier Base.

As per claims 3, 6-12, and 14-19 the election of a carrier base is required by the Examiner.

Accordingly, claim 13 identifies "solid cosmetic stick" as the elected species.

2. Additional Amendments.

Although not requested by the Examiner, the claims of the present invention have further been limited and more clearly defined.

The claim 6 has been Currently Amended. Election of a moisturizer is made in claim 14, which is further restricted to the election of glycerin in claim 15.

The above changes are further noted below.

Claims Markings

The portions of claims now deleted from original claims are crossed out. The portions of claims newly added are underlined. These amendments are further noted below.

Amendments to Claims

[Claim 1] (Currently Amended). A ~~deodorant or deodorizing composition~~ agent comprising consisting of (a) zinc zeolite, and (b) ~~a delivery system or a cosmetically acceptable carrier base composition.~~ for topical application.

[Claim 2] (Currently Amended). ~~A composition~~ An agent according to claim 1, wherein zinc zeolite ~~can be in~~ is selected from a hydrated or an anhydrous form.

[Claim 3] (Currently Amended). ~~A composition~~ An agent according to claim 1, wherein ~~a delivery system or carrier bases~~ base ~~can be zinc zeolite itself.~~ is included.

[Claim 4] (Currently Amended). ~~The compositions~~ An agent according to claim 1, wherein ~~such compositions~~ said agent contains Zinc Zeolite from 0.01% to 100%.

[Claim 5] (Currently Amended). ~~A composition~~ An agent according to claim 1, wherein zinc zeolite ~~can be~~ is selected from an in-situ generated process or in a pre-manufactured form.

[Claim 6] (Currently Amended). ~~A composition~~ An agent according to ~~claim 4~~ Claim 3, wherein ~~delivery system or said carrier base~~ can include additional ingredients or compositions selected from the group comprising of skin cleansers, cationic surfactants, anionic surfactants, non-ionic surfactants, amphoteric surfactants, and zwitterionic surfactants, skin and hair conditioning agents, vitamins, hormones, minerals, plant extracts, anti-inflammatory agents, whitening agents, deodorants, odor masking agents, antiperspirants, collagen and elastin synthesis boosters, UVA/UVB sunscreens, concentrates of plant extracts, emollients, moisturizers, skin protectants, humectants, silicones, skin soothing ingredients, antimicrobial agents, antifungal agents, treatment of skin infections and lesions, blood microcirculation improvement, skin redness reduction benefits, additional moisture absorbents, analgesics, skin penetration enhancers, solubilizers, moisturizers, emollients, anesthetics, colorants, perfumes, preservatives, seeds, broken seed nut shells, silica, clays, beads, luffa particles, polyethylene balls, mica, pH adjusters, processing aids, and combinations thereof.

[Claim 7] (Currently Amended). ~~A composition~~ An agent according to ~~Claim 4~~ Claim 3, wherein ~~delivery system or a said carrier base~~ are is additionally selected in the form from the group comprising of a lotion, cream, gel, spray, thin liquid, body splash, powder, compressed powder, tooth paste, tooth powder, mouth spray, paste dentifrice, clear gel dentifrice, mask, serum, solid cosmetic stick, lip balm, shampoo, liquid soap, bar soap, bath oil, paste, salve, collodion, impregnated patch, impregnated strip, skin surface implant, impregnated or coated diaper, and ~~similar delivery or packaging forms.~~

[Claim 8] (Currently Amended). ~~The compositions~~ An agent according to ~~claim 4~~ Claim 3, wherein ~~the delivery system can be~~ carrier base is additionally

selected from the group comprising of traditional water and oil emulsions, suspensions, colloids, microemulsions, clear solutions, suspensions of nanoparticles, emulsions of nanoparticles, or anhydrous compositions.

[Claim 9] (Currently Amended). ~~The compositions~~ An agent according to ~~claim 1 claim 3,~~ wherein ~~the delivery system~~ said carrier base ~~can be~~ is additionally selected from the group comprising human body or hair deodorizing solution, deodorizing powder, deodorizing gel, deodorizing spray, deodorizing stick, deodorizing roll-on, deodorizing paste, deodorizing cream, deodorizing lotion, or a deodorizing aerosol, ~~and other commonly marketed human body and hair deodorizing compositions.~~

[Claim 10] (Currently Amended). The compositions according to ~~claim 1~~ Claim 3, wherein ~~the delivery system can be~~ carrier base is a additionally selected from the group comprising of household deodorizing solution, deodorizing powder, deodorizing gel, deodorizing spray, carpet deodorizer, or a room deodorizer, ~~and other commonly marketed household deodorizing compositions.~~

[Claim 11] (Currently Amended). ~~The compositions~~ An agent according to ~~claim 1~~ Claim 3, wherein ~~the delivery system can be~~ carrier base is additionally selected from the group comprising of an animal and pets deodorizing solution, deodorizing powder, deodorizing gel, deodorizing spray, animals ~~and pets~~ carpet deodorizer, or animals and pets room deodorizer, ~~and other commonly marketed animal and pet deodorizing compositions.~~

[Claim 12] (Currently Amended). ~~The compositions~~ An agent according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 3, wherein ~~the delivery system can be~~ carrier base is additionally selected from the group comprising of a human or animal deodorizing dentifrice, or oral cavity deodorizing toothpaste, deodorizing mouthwash, deodorizing dental powder, deodorizing mouth spray, deodorizing dental gel, or deodorizing lozenges, ~~and other commonly marketed human or animal deodorizing dentifrice, or oral cavity deodorizing compositions.~~

[Claim 13] (New). A composition according to claim 3, wherein said carrier base is a solid cosmetic stick.

[Claim 14] (New). A composition according to claim 6, wherein said additional ingredient is a moisturizer.

[Claim 15] (New). A composition according to claim 14, wherein said moisturizer is glycerin.

The Applicant hopes the Examiner finds these actions satisfactory.

A complete listing of all claims is provided below.

The claims presently submitted replace claims submitted on September 23, 2007. To reconfirm this action, claims 16 to 20 submitted on September 23, 2007 are withdrawn and not included in the present amendment.



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